



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING APRIL 30, 2021 AS  
“ARBOR DAY”**

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, 2021 is the 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Arbor Day, and it is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate temperatures, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, increasing property values, enhancing the economic vitality of business areas, and beautifying our community, while also providing a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arroyo Grande has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 38<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby recognize and proclaim Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> as “ARBOR DAY” in the City of Arroyo Grande, and urge all citizens to celebrate “ARBOR DAY”, to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to support our City’s community forestry program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all citizens are urged to plant a tree to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



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**CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR**

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